



Christmas Greetings

A quarter of a century ago Louise Haskins, a somewhat obscure poetess, wrote a beautiful prose poem of the Holiday Season entitled, "The Gate of the Year," which King George VI broadcast in a Christmas Message in 1939. Overnight the universality of this poem was recognized and the fame of the poetess established. As another year draws to a close and I am privileged once again to express my gratitude to each member of the Department for his or her cooperation, may I repeat these words as my greeting for Christmas and the New Year:

"I said to a man who stood at the gate of the year, 'Give me light that I may tread safely into the unknown,' And he replied, 'Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be better than a light and safer than a known way.' So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night."

SPENCER MILLER, JR.,
State Highway Commissioner.

Greetings and all good wishes of the Season to all the members of the Highway Department.

The achievements of the Department speak for themselves and I wish to congratulate and thank each member of this great team for his or her part in the accomplishments of the past year.

The Highway Department is on the march and big things are ahead. The opportunity is presented the Department to regain its position of leadership in the highway world and this will be achieved by the individual effort, skill and resourcefulness of each of us working toward the same goal as a team.

"Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you."

CHARLES M. NOBLE,
State Highway Engineer.

It is a pleasure at this Yuletide Season to extend to all employees and particularly those whom I have known for so many years my sincerest wishes for a happy Holiday Season. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to each of you.

EDW. W. KILPATRICK
Asst. State Highway Engineer.

Each succeeding Christmas Season emphasizes to a greater degree the opportunity thereby afforded of extending hearty greetings to friends, both old and new. I wish it were possible to clasp the hand of every one of my friends throughout the entire State Highway Department, but failing in this, the written word of greetings is most sincerely expressed: "A very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all."

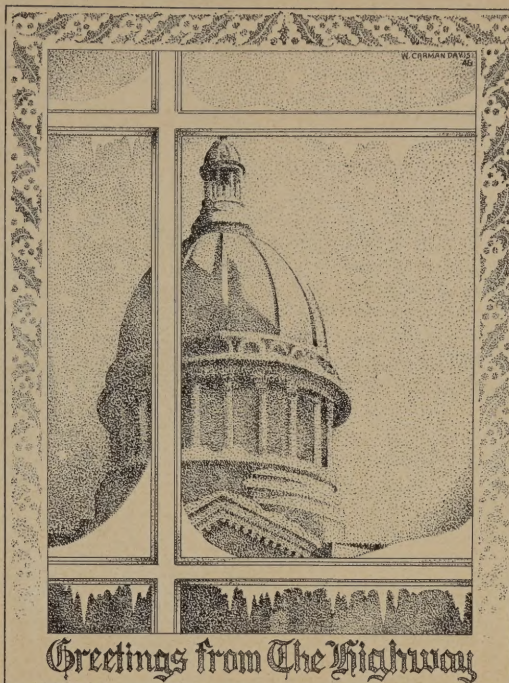
A. LEE GROVER,
Chief Clerk and Secretary.

It is with a great deal of pleasure that through the columns of THE HIGHWAY I am able to extend to my fellow workers, that ageless, yet ever new greeting: "A Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year."

ALEX P. GRAY,
Executive Assistant to the State Highway Commissioner

As we stand on the threshold of the greatest construction program in the history of a Department whose accomplishments in the past twenty-five years have won far-flung fame, it is a genuine pleasure to extend to all of you who will carry forward to completion this great work, my sincerest wishes for a Merry Christmas and every joy that the New Year can bring.

C. F. BEDWELL,
Chief, Dept. of Design and Construction.



Christmas - 1946

As we approach this second Christmas Season since the close of the Global Struggle we can do so with a greater spirit of rejoicing and thankfulness. The harvesting of the largest crop in the nation's history is evidence not only of a bountiful nature but also of the intelligent cooperation and industry of our farmers. The full employment of the greatest number in peacetime manufacturing, even in spite of numerous work stoppages, attests to the cooperative spirit of our management and labor. Adequate income is more widely distributed and the benefits of economic security are more equitably shared. Even the housing needs of the people are being met.

But these are blessings that have come to us in America in a world still struggling to adjust itself to the awful wastes and destruction of war, the widespread famine and destitution on many continents.

We cannot in good conscience rejoice greatly in our blessings when the other half of the world is in want; we can take courage that out of our abundance and strength we can help the poor and needy by sharing our abundance. This is the true meaning of charity which St. Paul reckoned the greatest of virtues. It is as well the moral responsibility which attaches to great power.

Today America is the temporary site of the United Nations; it is likely to be the headquarters for the "Parliament of Man and the Federation of the World."

Even as we celebrate this Christmas Season the first World Assembly of United Nations is drawing its labors to a close. And the Council of Four Foreign Ministers is at last resolving some of the last remaining conflicts of the Post-War Era.

In all of these efforts, great and small, there is convincing proof of the power of good will in the world. While in the moments of men's despair, either with conditions at home or abroad, there is a tendency to doubt the great realities. But they are great and eternal because they are true.

The message which went out to the Shepherds and the Wise Men even as they journeyed to Bethlehem nineteen hundred years ago is the message of Peace—Peace to Men and Good Will. That is the Eternal Message of Christmas to the world.

Spencer Miller, Jr.
State Highway Commissioner

Daily Inspection Of Motor Vehicles Urged by Young

Shortage of Parts Demands Rigid Conservation

The following appeal for extraordinary care of all motor equipment has been issued by Frank C. Young, Superintendent of Plant and Equipment:

TO ALL OPERATORS OF STATE EQUIPMENT

In order to prevent unnecessary failures in the operation of all Department Equipment, I cannot urge too strongly upon all operators of cars, trucks, and equipment the preventive maintenance that must be maintained at this time due to the serious shortage and our inability to secure batteries, anti-freeze, spare parts, tires, etc. Every operator must hold himself responsible for checking the following points daily:

1. Check tire inflation and inspect tires for cuts, damage or signs that wheels are out of line or out of balance.
2. Check radiator for proper amount of water or anti-freeze and fill as necessary.
3. Check oil level in crank case, fill as necessary.
4. Check the following items for correct operation: windshield wiper, horn, lights, brakes, generator charging rate, engine oil pressure, engine temperature, and truck and car controls (steering, etc.).

5. At the end of the day's work or before, if necessary, report to the nearest Garage or Inspector any mechanical difficulties or defects which may have developed and which should be corrected before further use.

6. Be sure the car or truck is parked or stored properly. This means that all vehicles must be locked when parked.

7. Batteries cannot be replaced. Each week you must check the water level in each cell of the battery and see that the plates are covered at all times. Any battery failures will result in the loss of the use of the vehicle.

The above minor inspections will aid in uncovering trouble while the repair job and repair costs are in the small stages. Neglect is always costly in automotive maintenance.

Preventing failures begins with and largely depends upon the above inspections which are to be carried out by all drivers as well as the mechanics.

FRANK C. YOUNG
Superintendent of Plant and Equipment.

New Offices For Parkway Bureau

Occupy Suite at 146 West State Street

At long last the Parkway Bureau has its own offices . . . and nice offices at that, they are. The address is 146 W. State Street, opposite the State House, and should you have occasion to call there you will find Parkway Engineer Oliver A. Deakin and members of his staff on the second floor to the rear.

Deakin's office now includes A. Herbert Hunton, Landscape Architect, Clarence R. Pell, Asst. Landscape Architect, T. Joseph Whalen, Landscape Inspector, and Bruno A. Marino, Clerk Stenographer.

Several of these men are new to the Highway Department and by way of introduction the following data is given:

Hunton holds a Masters Degree in Landscape Architecture from Harvard and served in that capacity with the city of Louisville, Ky. and as Project Landscape Architect on the Blue Ridge

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Construction Division Organization Revised for Post-War Program

Bridge, Survey and Plans, and Electrical Given Full Division Status

In preparation for the accelerated program of Free-way and Parkway construction, together with other features of the State Highway Department's post-war plans, the Construction Division was recently subjected to changes designed to facilitate handling this extra volume of work.

In the past the Construction Division consisted of the northern, central and southern sub-divisions, together with the Survey and Plans, Bridge, and Electrical subdivisions. These several component parts were under the supervision of C. F. Bedwell, Construction Engineer.

Under the new organization Survey and Plans, Bridge and Electrical will be separate divisions, as will the new Division of Construction, which will include the three geographical sub-divisions as heretofore. All four will be coordinated under Mr. Bedwell,

who will now bear the title of Chief, Department of Design and Construction. Chester A. Burn will act as his deputy.

Other personnel changes effected by this new organization have resulted in the elevation of Harry D. Robbins, former Central Division Construction Engineer, to Engineer in Charge, Construction Division. Neil MacDougall, formerly Asst. District Engineer of Survey and Plans, in Newark, has taken over Robbins' former position, while Howard Rigby has been transferred from the Upper Montclair office to Newark. At the present time, Herbert Englishman is handling the affairs of the Montclair office.

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TO EACH OF YOU

In this Atomic Age it is nice to think that one period of the year remains proudly steeped in the traditions of almost two thousand years of Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men. It is therefore with this message foremost in our minds that we, the Staff of THE HIGHWAY, extend to Each of You our sincerest wishes for a

Merry Christmas

and

A Happy New Year

Carman Davis, Fred Claus, Elmer Meyer, Claire Laczoni, Mabel Beans, Peg Beatty, John Kilpatrick, Arthur Lichtenberg, Gene Beckner, Arthur Egan, Fred Quinn, Joseph Natale, Frank Spagnola, Ralph Perry, William Hurley, James O'Rourke and Herman Kramer.

BRIDGE BRIEFS

A. J. LICHTENBERG

In extending greetings for this holiday season, I am looking forward to a renewal of the close ties which will bind all of the members of the Bridge Division into a cooperative and efficient unit. We are embarking on the most extensive bridge construction program of our history and will again welcome the incentive for producing structures in keeping with our record of pre-war years. I offer to all of my associates sincere wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

MORRIS GOODKIND.

Your Bridge Division editor is taking a respite from this column for several months. George A. Hefferman is taking over as guest columnist and will bring a fresh point of view to the news.

BRIEFS—While H. R. Gabriel is vacationing in the South, Ken Yates is carrying on the Route 25 bridge work between Elizabeth and Newark . . . W. H. Spencer and G. A. Hefferman are serving on the Highway Credit Union nominating committee . . . As Departmental Chairman of the Community Chest drive George reports the Bridge Division exceeding last year's contribution with the departmental total slightly off . . . Phil. Burch, our checker, recently covered a blueprint with red correction marks and then naively remarked, "Every once in a while I think these drawings aren't right."

Mother: "Now, before you get serious with him, be sure he is always kind."

Daughter: "Oh, I'm sure he is. I heard him say he put his shirt on a horse that was scratched."

Paul Gabrenas has been made a financial director in the Trenton Lithuanian Club . . . Arthur Stetser now with J. J. Krieg on the Route S-3 Passaic River Bridge, Rutherford . . . Sam Rankin, Paul Geiser and Pat McCullough in for a visit . . . Route 4 Parkway bridges definitely under way . . . M. L. Vail finishing the Beach Thoroughfare job on the Absecon-Atlantic City Boulevard . . . C. D. Weller taking over the overpass at Route 45 southbound on the Westville-Bergen section . . . Bridge Division annual dinner now being readied for March 10 at the Robert Treat Hotel, Newark.

Season's greetings to all Bridge Division men, wherever they may be, and especially to those who have retired after long service: Clinton B. Bissel, Frank S. Wilson and Alvah J. Hall.

PLANNING SURVEY

JOSEPH NATALE

The year 1946 has been eventful in the planning organization of the Department. In June, State Highway Commissioner Spencer Miller, Jr., created the Division of Planning and Economics to take the place of the former Highway Planning Bureau. The change involved the taking over of the Traffic Bureau which had previously been attached to another division, and the organization of a new bureau for making effective use of the data collected and recorded by the Survey. The staff of the new bureau mostly has been transferred from other divisions of the Highway Department and are, therefore, old friends.

I wish to take the opportunity to welcome all the new members to our organization and to wish both the old and new members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

SIGVALD JOHANNESSON.

NEWARK
Joseph Natale

Transportation Manager Juan Delgado somehow reminded us of the cook who went hungry when one night he himself was left without a ride. Such unselfish devotion to his fellow employees merits commendation.

We now can burn all our zoning maps. "Bill" (W.J.) Henderson (the answer man) already has everything nicely catalogued in his head.

Johnny "Stogie" Christiano recently returned from his vacation. John looked well but still smelled the same, even though the weed was encased in a holder. To us the combination looks like a dried punk stuck in a dead tree limb.

Ed (The Village Squire) Strack used up his vacation time painting, plastering, plumbing, etc., in preparation for a long hard winter. Now he can rest till Spring.

That chicken wire grill on Mike Viracola's radiator is really unique. If it were not for the plates, we would swear that the car belonged to Tony Amabile.

Jean Conduso is traveling around in a cloud of gloom these days. Quote from famous play—"Can it be that it is she." But guesses are hazardous, and Jean quite reticent—quien sabe.

Pres Northrop, office photographer, was stopped several times while trying to snap pictures of Route 21-25-29 circle modernization by vigilant State and contractor employees. Pres' mental relief was truly great upon finding out the war was over.

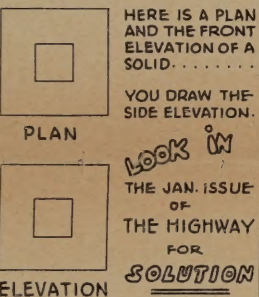


Because of the widespread interest shown in the recent "bug" problem which appeared in THE HIGHWAY, your editor has prevailed upon William Van Breen, of the Survey and Plans Division, with whom we have swapped many such items, to contribute a brain twister for publication each month.

None of these problems will be original and since many of them have been kicked around for years the chances are that some of them will have a familiar ring. If so, let the fellow who hasn't run across it before have a chance before you show how clever you are.

Another thing that should be stressed is the fact that none of these problems are difficult. Many of them you will no doubt solve in a moment or two. Others may take a little longer, but we doubt it. However, they are all interesting and it is hoped that you get some pleasure out of tackling them.

Bill's contribution for December will appeal to those of you who read Plans. It shows a Plan view and Front Elevation of a solid. You are required to draw a Side Elevation which may not be quite as simple as it looks. All necessary information is given—nothing has been left out. And in case you happen upon the fact . . . yes, there are two solutions.



Dick Hyle fills us with a sense of deep frustration. We can't get anything on him. Still water . . . ?

Of one thing we are certain. On the day "Noisy" Bob Lee comes out of his shell long enough to make a wise crack, we all shall be sporting long white beards.

Freddie Fleming is really smart. The other day he was wearing what we all think should be the office uniform of the day—work shirt and dungarees.

Goodbye to Phew! Summer days are warm and bright But winter's winds are my delight For when the gentle zephyrs blow Across the meadowlands so low Our noses wrinkle, perfumes rare Are to us borne on summer air. You disagree? Just try a hitch On a summer day near Peddie Ditch.

TRENTON
Fred Quinn

Helen Tallon is taking a well earned vacation. So are J. Severns and H. Knoebel.

Those extra smiles we see nowadays are due, no doubt, to the fact that O. H. Fritzsche, S. J. Guidotti and E. Surasky have acquired titles and ACCESS to their newly purchased homes. Home-hunting still goes on for W. R. Bellis, G. C. Mendez and G. De Hahn.

We extend a hearty welcome to the latest addition to our staff, Mr. Waldo E. Henderson, of Vermont, Florida and Trenton.

We certainly are glad that S. J. Guidotti found that gas-stove that he has been looking for. It would be tough not eating.

A lunch hour bull session held recently disclosed to a number of

SURVEY and PLANS

FRED C. CLAUS

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS SEASON'S GREETINGS

The privilege of greeting those of the Survey and Plans Division each year through this medium is a pleasant custom. Once again I am glad of this opportunity to wish you all the fun of the Christmas season and the joys of the New Year.

Sincerely,
HAROLD GIFFIN.

UPPER MONTCLAIR
Frank Spagnola

We welcome to the Department Robert E. Klein, a new employee, assistant Highway Engineer, on November 12. He has been assigned to Sid Neville's survey corps. And to this office we welcome James P. Brennan, Engineering Aide, on November 18. After an initial period of several weeks with Tony Marino, he is now in Neville's group.

The following trainees resuming the Rutgers Short Course for advanced training left us on December 2 for a three-month leave: John Deleuw, Frank Podwyszynski and Arthur Lincoln. We wish them lots of luck and hope they'll be back flying their respective promotional banners. Veterans Art Bruining and Charles Della Torre are not taking the course—Art is now going to Newark Tech evenings, and C. D. T. contemplates an I.C.S. course.

Sid Neville, suffering a leg infection, had the condition attended to. We're glad the operation was a success, Sid, and it's good to see you minus that bothersome limp.

Route S-3, Sections 4-B, 4-A and 5 grading operations through Clifton and Rutherford were started November 14. Due to the accelerated demands of construction, Kunzler and Della Torre were immediately transferred from the Marino contingent to the Neville group.

Look for the Wearimus Road Traffic Circle on Route 17 to be very nicely stream-lined for North and South-bound traffic in the not-too-distant future. John Lincoln, Mchett and Kettlewell are preparing plans for same.

Amento served several days on Petit Jury duty. He reports the experience as very quiet and nothing exciting to write about.

Ray Simpson bought a dog for his young son, Allen. The dog's name is Sandy. You can imagine the puns thrown at Sanwald when it was revealed to us.

John Matchett, on one open-day for bear hunting in Pennsylvania, took an awfully long hike thru the Poconos, but all in vain, for Mr. Bruin was not to be seen. At this writing John is back in them, that mountains hunting deer, and if his luck is as good as his prowess as a nimrod, John will get his buck.

Sanwald is a lucky guy—good drafting instruments are at a premium and very expensive—yet he had the good fortune to find a very good bargain, a variety of

members of the "Inner Sanctum" the true origin and meaning of some of the famous army slang expressions. A milder form of interpretation follows: SNAFU Situation Normal, All Fouled Up. TARFU Things Are Really Fouled Up. TAF—Things Are Tough. Hubba-hubba, we are told, resulted from the sounds made by a tough colored sergeant commanding his troops to make it "On the Double," repeating the words rapidly and loudly.

STAFF KWOTATIONS—Mendez: "I'll tell you this much . . . Bellis: "We still have PLENTY of work around here . . . Fritzsche: "What a grand and glorious feeling—sleeping till seven-thirty instead of rushing for a train." Gertel: "If I stay where I live now, I commute to work; if I move to Trenton, I'll have to commute to school. I think I'll move to Cape May." (Please, Mort, not that!) Guidotti: "There is not enough money in it."

beautiful, pre-war instruments, at a nominal cost.

Howard N. Rigby was transferred from this office to take charge of the Newark office on December 2. We all wish him well on his new assignment. On the same date Herb Englishman was handed the reins of the Upper Montclair office. We also say to Herb—good luck!

With the spirit of Christmas and New Year's upon us, may we in closing, convey to you and yours our wishes for a most happy and joyous holiday season, and may the ensuing year be one of recurrent progress and accomplishments.

The Christmas spirit now prevails To all may it convey A joy and peace that never fails To bless you every day.

May the Spirit of the Holy One Embrace thee tenderly, And may His Will in thine be done Forever be with thee.

NEWARK

Ralph M. Perry

The Newark Office of Survey and Plans congratulated its former chief, Neil MacDougal, on his promotion to Central Division District Construction Engineer, and welcomed Howard Rigby who is now in charge of this office.

William Bloss has finally moved into his new home at Summit, after a long delay in securing such a necessary accommodation.

We welcomed into our survey crew recently the following Engineering Aides: J. R. Broce and J. N. Ruck, and a Junior Highway Engineer, R. E. VanZee.

EQUIPMENT ITEMS

JAMES O'ROURKE

SEASON'S GREETINGS

One of the real joys of Yuletide is the opportunity to put aside the routine and custom of every day business and in real sincerity wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a New Year full of Health, Happiness and Prosperity.

FRANK C. YOUNG,
Superintendent of Plant and Equipment.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. James Gallagher on the arrival of a bouncing baby boy on November 21st. Mother and son are doing very nicely, as well as Papa Jim.

Wedding bells rang out for Miss Claire Lawrence, daughter of Merton Lawrence, Welder at Fernwood, on November 16, 1946, at Blessed Sacrament Church in Trenton, when she became the bride of John Yoschko, also of Trenton.

Leon Crush and Bob Kreps both have returned to work after approximately five months on the sick list.

Sympathies of Fernwood are extended to James Bowlby on the death of his sister who passed away at her home in Phillipsburg, N. J., after a long illness.

Paul Sine, Equipment Operator, is on the very sick list and will be confined to his home for some time under doctor's care. Also on the sick list are Don McNeil, who, at the present writing, is a patient in St. Francis Hospital as the result of a heart attack, and Joe Pate is under the doctor's care at his home.

Yes, folks, the photo in Trenton's Sunday Advertiser of November 24th was Eddie O'Brien, son of Frank O'Brien of Fernwood's office group. Eddie is now a regular short story contributor to the Saturday Evening Post.

Busy looking over the route maps to Florida is T. W. Emmons, and it begins to look as though a vacation trip is in the making.

Your M. C. presents— THE LADIES... Bless Them

Some time ago this column featured a bit of verse dealing with the problem of the daily trips, "two by two," of the "b.g.'s" to the Ladies' Room. The "Answer of the Marching Zombies" provides not only an explanation but also affords a practical solution and your M.C. sincerely hope it will alleviate further curiosity on that score:

In answer to that little poem
(And to speak for all the girls)

We only use the Ladies' Room
To straighten out our curls.
Who likes to see a shiny nose
And face all smudged with dirt?
I'm sure you wouldn't sit around
With a button off your shirt.
The reason why we go in pairs
Is due to waxy floors.
One has to hold the other up.
Can you walk on all four?
We hate to see you tear your hair,
Or see production stop,
So if these little trips of ours
Are causing all your gloom,
We'll help you move the office,
Into the Ladies' Room.

The holiday season brings forth gay and glittering decorations... what could be more apropos at this time than reference to the definitely attractive addition to the Projects Division, Miss Priscilla Burch. Welcome to the Department, Pat!

It is equally nice to welcome the return of Margaret Hunt who has been on leave from the Department. Just prior to her return to Mr. Hurley's office, Margaret spent a week in the Newark office of the Planning and Economics Division.

Speaking of Mr. Hurley's office, there seems to be no end to the activity among the girls. This month Madge Kiernan is our featured guest. In anticipation of her leave on the 16th, Mildred Friedman, Marilyn Siddall, Anne O'Connor, Dorothy Hunt, Mary Cunningham and Mabel Beans fêted Madge with luncheon at the Carteret Club and presented her with a sterling silver baby spoon and fork set. Madge's birthday falls in the month of December also, so we supplement our fare thee well with "many happy returns of the day."

Helen Tallon was recently given a luncheon at the Stacy Trent's Nymph Room in honor of her birthday. Her hostesses were Kathryn Laughry, Mary Massorotti, LaRaine Birch, Betty Levie and Marion Hester.

While there are those of us who would accept one without the other, to what nicer use could a new Nash be put than a two-week's trip to Dallas, Texas? The fortunate lass, in both respects, is Bertha Cunningham of the Survey and Plans Division.

"Distance lends enchantment" so they say—but even the shorter trips and visits sound enchanting to our "longing-for-winter-vacation" dreamers. Helen Tallon and her husband Joe vacation in New York for several days. Edith Toth attends week-end convention of her sorority (Iota Kappa Chapter) at the Robert Treat Hotel in Newark.

Extending a "welcome" to Emilia C. Andreoli, who joined Mr. Giffin's staff on November 18th, in the capacity of Clerk Stenographer, would be a rather belated greeting. Instead, therefore, "We hope you like us, Emilia."

Our reflections at Christmas Time: It is pleasant to remember our co-workers not only on Christmas Day but everyday.

Happy Holidays...

Administration Division

ARTHUR EGAN

It is a pleasure to once more extend to the employees of the Auditing and Accounting Bureau the old-fashioned greetings of Christmas. I wish that all of the gladness that the season brings, all of its cheer and warmth, be with you not only on Christmas Day, but all through the Year.

MARVEN L. HOWELL.

In expressing my best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, it is with the hope that the wishes may turn into actualities for each of you during the coming year.

CHARLES A. HURLEY.

Mr. Robert Meeker was injured in a fall as he alighted from a Trenton bus. Mr. Meeker came on to the office and later returned to his home in Plainfield where he has since been confined. Everyone will wish him a speedy recovery and a quick return to the Department.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer (Chubby) Boscov were recent guests at the Hotel Normandie, Miami Beach, Florida. Chubby, well browned by the southern sun, reports a delightful train trip down and a most enjoyable vacation.

Pete Cimballa, of Mr. Grover's staff, was another vacationer in the southern resort. Pete made the trip by auto and also recommends Miami for an enjoyable vacation.

John Egan has sold his home here in Trenton and is currently occupying a bachelor apartment in the center of the city. John now has more time to devote to his globe trotting. He visited New York, Atlantic City and Philadelphia on succeeding week-ends.

Frank Allen enjoyed a ten-day vacation. Some of the time was spent visiting relatives and friends in Hope, Warren County.

Cuff-Notes on the File Room
Time: Oct. 28, 1946... Place: File Room... "Partings Are Such Sweet Sorrows" and with this expression of sombre sentimentality we bid adieu to Bob Yager who has resigned from the staff of this Division. This sedate personality will transfer his prowess to the trouble shooting corps of the Bell Telephone Company. As we file away his past services to this Department, with the records of those who have come and gone, we indexed Bob down with the best of luck and success in change of status... This tense feeling of regret was lifted as gaiety sifted into the atmosphere in the way of a birthday for Ernie Birch. Congratulatory pats-on-the-back echoed thru this den of records as the 'Mundane Wisdom' of 'The Grin' acquired another year of maturity... between the varying degrees of emotion, gifts were tendered to Ernie and Bob by the fond wishers of the File Room.

Talk about the weather... and up pops Ed Ristow with chest out, head and eyes peering into the celestial blue. Rated No. 2 Prognosticator of Trenton by the U. S. Weather Bureau Service, Ed's position becomes more important with only part-time service offered by the local office. We note with pride that many of the official records and statistics now housed in Washington, D. C., have been prepared and compiled by Ed for the last fifteen years. In enjoying "his weather rites, we wish Eddie no meteorological wrongs.

The scarcity of the Notre Dame-Army pasteboards did not affect former M/Sgt. Louis Ulla at all. With the insouciance of a freshman student, Lou witnessed the gridiron saga of the year at the Yankee Stadium. Now how did he get that very precious ducat?

The status quo of the File Room was thrown into further uproar with (1) the most welcome addition in the slim and graceful personification of Miss 'Mili Herbert and (2) the return of Bob Fleming to the staff of this Division. To both Mili and Bob we extend a most hearty welcome.

Highway Nimrod



Armand Innocenzi is shown with part of the 125 pheasants he and four other Trentonians recently bagged during a hunting trip to South Dakota. In addition to the ringnecks, they shot 11 rabbits and 52 ducks. Innocenzi, who is employed by the Electrical Division, also had the pleasure of gunning with Charlie Grimm, manager of the Chicago Cubs, as well as with outfielder Bill Nicholson and pitcher Ray Prim.

REAL ESTATE REPORTS

HERMAN KRAMER

We again avail ourselves of the courtesy of THE HIGHWAY in extending the Season's Greetings to the employees of the Real Estate and other Divisions of the State Highway Department. We also take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation of their excellent cooperation and faithful service during the year.

We wish you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

J. W. AYMAR,
FREDERICK VOLLMER.

We welcome to our Division during the past month Mrs. Virginia Porter as Clerk, and Albert R. Lawson as a Right-of-Way Investigator. Mr. Lawson resides at Cranford, N. J.

Bertha J. Cunningham, who is the wife of Joseph Cunningham of the Lewis Street office, is enjoying a vacation trip to Texas in a new Nash car.

John W. Aymar and Thomas W. Stewart attended a Conference of the Right-of-Way Clinic Highway Research Board of the National Research Council last week. This Conference was attended by Right-of-Way men of State Highway departments throughout the country.

William R. Hancock is again vacationing by looking for "deer" down Chatsworth way, so that he will know where to wait for them when the season opens on the 17th. This is an annual affair with Bill.

Mr. Aymar's offices are now located in Rooms 305-4, 308, 309, and 310, having relinquished Rooms 320 and 320-A to Messrs. Fisher, Gerard and Claus. Our stenographic force is now located in Room 310 for those who wish to know.

Julius J. Newmark and Grace Moore have been transferred from the Real Estate payroll to the Administration payroll.

Norman Lister is spending his vacation setting his traps and snares in the White Horse-Bordentown area.

Milton Swackhamer recently

MAINTENANCE NOTES

GENE BECKNER

With the approach of the Christmas Season I am happy to again avail myself of this column to extend my greetings and best wishes to all members of the Maintenance Division.

While practically all the men have returned from service and memory of the war is slipping into the dim past, we are still feeling the effects of the war in many ways. In this difficult transition period I invite the continued loyalty and cooperation which characterized your efforts during the war years.

With the hopes that this Christmas will be a merry one for all and that the New Year will be the best on record, I am

Sincerely yours,

ALEX. W. MUIR
Superintendent of
Maintenance.

Jim Dowling, of the Trenton Office, returned recently from a flying trip to California where he traveled to witness the marriage of his son, Harry, to Miss Virginia Olsen, formerly of Trenton. The bridal couple will reside in Huntington Park, a suburb of Los Angeles. Jim, who made the trip in the company of another son, Donald, drove his car out in exactly five days and says he could have cut another half day off that time if he hurried. What Jim refers to as a leisurely trip back consumed nine days.

Several members of John Faherty's maintenance crew had a strange encounter for maintenance workers the other day when they were attacked by an enraged bull while erecting snow fence in a field adjacent to Route No. 27 near Lawrenceville. Zygmunt Babecki and Albert Yates, of this crew, were chased by the bull but managed to reach the fence just about a step ahead of him. In jumping the fence to escape the bull, Babecki was painfully but not seriously injured. Maybe as a safety measure we'll have to paint the snow fence a color other than red.

Fred Woodruff has three daughters, but the second generation

Parkway Bureau

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Parkway with the National Park Service. He is a member of the American Society of Landscape Architects.

Pell took his Landscape Architect's degree at Michigan State University and before coming to this Department worked on such interesting projects as the Rockefeller Center and the Gardens of Tomorrow at the World's Fair. He

Whalen has been with the State is a veteran of the Air Corps. Having for a number of years, highway transferred from the Division of Survey and Plans where he served as Inspector. Before coming to the Department he worked on landscape developments for Middlesex County.

Marino graduated from Trenton Central High School where he completed the secretarial course.

Another group of former Highway employees is also located in the same building. This is the office of Assistant Attorney General Sackett M. Dickinson, where the legal affairs of the State Highway Department are handled. Those who comprise the staff of this office are William B. Haney, Alice Carrell, Miriam Devlin, Dorothy Layton and Elmer Sabolch.

performed at the Contemporary for Conjurors Club of Trenton.

J. Grover Brown is now assigned to the Trenton office as Title Examiner after many years in various Court Houses in the southern part of the State.

Messrs. Adler, Skillman, Lafan, McDougall and Seggel are now located in Room 305-3 of the Annex, having relinquished Rooms 305-4 and 308 to the Negotiation Bureau.

Ann Bullock has been transferred to the Board of Commerce and Navigation as a Senior Clerk.

Kirk Schanck, Velt Sams and Bill Kirk have just finished an evening "Tinkers" course at the Trenton Central High School. They can now repair anything at all around the house. We believe they are going to form a company and take odd jobs.

does things differently. Within the space of one week early in December, "Woodie" became a grandfather twice over and both grandchildren were boys. A boy was born to his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Santo L. Belli, on Monday, December 2nd at Mercer Hospital, Trenton, and six days later another daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Francis J. Platt, became the proud parents of another bouncing baby boy. Mrs. Platt was also at Mercer Hospital and for a short while both daughters and grandchildren were simultaneous patients. We are glad to report that everyone is doing nicely and happy to extend our congratulations to all concerned.

Thomas Fischetti, a member of Foreman Nick Pendergast's maintenance crew, has returned to work after an illness of over six months, and we are pleased to have him back on the job.

It is with a feeling of sincere regret that we report the death of Foreman Sydney Webster, who died at his home on 10 Clove Avenue, Sussex, on Wednesday, November 27th. Mr. Webster had been employed by the Department in the capacity of maintenance foreman since May 27, 1940, and his loss at this time is a severe blow to the Division. He stood high in the esteem and affection of his fellow employees, and in behalf of all of them may we extend to his survivors our sincere sympathy.

Some few employees of this Division are still serving in the armed forces. Latest to be released and whose return to work is anticipated shortly is Joseph Mistorowicz, who formerly worked in the Paterson crew now under the supervision of Foreman Val J. Burger. Joe has been in the U. S. Army since April 29, 1945, and we are glad to welcome him back to the Department.

Charles Berz, of Hightstown, truck driver and scraper operator in the crew under Foreman Earl Buckalew, has been confined to the Lyons Veterans Hospital since late in October undergoing observation and treatment. Charlie returned to work with the Department in September, 1945, after 3 1/2 years of military service. Here's hoping he responds well to the treatment and that he will be back on the job soon.

Jimmy Walter has finally realized one of his ambitions. In a match game down at the Curtis Alleys the other day, he soundly trounced this Division's most intrepid kogler, Norman (The Bowler) Horner. A return match will be held some time around the Xmas holidays.

John Cadden, of Fort Lee, formerly employed in the crew under Foreman Charles Pfeffer, died at his home recently after a long illness. Mr. Cadden had been in the employ of the Department since April 1, 1943. He is survived by a cousin, Peter Murray, of Coytesville, to whom we extend our sincere sympathy.

LABORATORY LINES

PEG BEATTY

Season's Greetings to all Laboratory employees. Wishing you all
Best of Health
Best of Luck
Best of Everything.
FRED H. BAUMANN

Mr. and Mrs. John Houman are leaving Saturday, December 14th, for a vacation in Miami, returning January 6th.

M. K. Scheifer is chairman of the membership committee of Ewing Township Post 314 American Legion; also vice president of the Glendale Association.

Fred H. Baumann, Ralph Sherman and Wm. Ryan attended the meetings of the Highway Research Board in Washington, D. C., from December 3rd to the 8th.

Peggy Beatty is vacationing for a few days in the Pocono Mountains and expects to bring home a deer.

DEMONSTRATING CRANE



Crane with clamshell attached is put through its paces as part of the Civil Service Commission's practical field tests for Heavy Equipment Operators held recently at Fernwood.

HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATORS
PUT THRU PRACTICAL EXAMS

Operation of Equipment Under Actual Working Conditions Highlights Fernwood Tests

Practical tests featured the open competitive and promotional examinations for the position of Heavy Equipment Operator held at Fernwood on November 20 and 21. For two days bulldozers, cranes, shovels and heavy truck trailers were put through their paces under the watchful eye of Civil Service Commission representatives and experienced operators from Mercer County.

This series of tests followed a practical truck driver's examination which had been held in Newark on November 13th and represented a forward step in the evaluation of applicants for such positions.

In the handling of a bulldozer, each applicant was required to move earth to a given location and to a specified grade, while crane and shovel tests consisted of maneuvering the equipment into position and performing various required tasks. The truck trailer required loading a roller and parking in specified locations as well as driving around obstacles.

The examinations were conducted under the supervision of Arthur B. King and John Ireland of the Civil Service Commission.

PROJECTS
PARAGRAPHS

E. L. MEYER

The Projects Division is glad to report that all but three men have returned to duty from the armed forces. During the time they were away, even though there was a reduced amount of work, it was necessary for those remaining to help out due to this lack of personnel. Since the end of hostilities, the work has expanded considerably and difficulty is being encountered in getting enough men to carry on properly the regular functions of the Division. The Division is fortunate, however, in its personnel, because they do not hesitate to assume more duties or responsibilities, nor do they hesitate at working longer hours. I appreciate the loyalty and cooperation of all members of the Division and wish you all best wishes for Christmas and the coming year.

EDWARD E. REED,
Supervisor of State Aid
Projects.

We are very glad to report that Frank Harris, Assistant Supervisor of State Aid Projects, is back

ELECTRICAL
FLASHES

JOHN KILPATRICK

It gives me great pleasure to greet the members of the Electrical Division on the occasion of this most joyous Christmas season in many years. Therefore, to each of you I extend the most cordial and sincere wishes of a truly Merry Christmas and a Happy and Bountiful New Year.

JAMES L. HAYS,
Engineer in Charge,
Electrical Division.

We take pleasure in announcing that Joseph Mahan, secretary to Major Hays, is the proud father of a bouncing boy. Joseph, Jr., and Mrs. Mahan are doing fine, and so is the old man.

Alcaid Wright spent several days of his vacation prior to Thanksgiving in killing turkeys which he has been raising. From all accounts the birds were as plump as Alcaid but much more tender.

George Goldy, who has the headaches of maintenance of traffic signals, has been elected president of the 4H Advisory Council of Mercer County.

We have another home wanted at this month. Walter Schuetz is looking for a home in Trenton or vicinity. Anyone having any information please call extension 671.

We wish to welcome Louise Santarsiero, new addition to the Trenton office, to the Electrical Division Family.

at work again after nearly a month's sick leave.

Frank is feeling much improved but is still somewhat crippled up and is still under the doctor's care. Most of all he misses his cigars and chewing gum isn't a very satisfactory substitute.

Our Auditor John Ruhlman has added a new member to his staff to help rush through final payments before the end of the year. She is Miss Priscilla Burch of Columbia Avenue, Trenton.

It's a tough time to break in for that job and we all wish her luck.

Fast Pace Is Set
By Machine Shop
In Bowling League

Setting a fast pace during the past month, the Machine Shop Team by winning 8 out of 9 games have increased their lead in the Highway Bowling League to 7 games over Fernwood Guards who have been able to win but two games in 9 starts.

In jumping from 7th place to a tie for 3rd position, the White Line Team has shown improved form by winning 5 of their games during the past 3 weeks. Equipment, Maintenance and Fernwood G.I.s area 11 knotted for 5th place and will be battling each other for an improved position.

Fernwood Office is showing real improvement in winning 7 games in their last 9 starts, while Inspection and Maintenance Painters are rolling steady games and need only a few breaks to make it tough for the leaders.

High scores posted during the past 4 weeks show Stevens 224-200, Innocenzi 220, Radice 220, Mizur 213, Butterfoss 212, Pinteralli 206, Kucker 204, MacCabe 202, Dunn 202, Oldham 200, Brennan 200. In the battle for individual high average Chris Kucker is still leading with, 179 followed closely by Pete Tuozzolo with 176 and Mark Stevens with 175.

On January 2 the league will sponsor a tournament open to all teams in the league. Cash prizes will be awarded to the three teams scoring the most pins over their current season average. Games will start at 8:00 p. m. on Curtis Alleys. A good crowd of Department rooters are expected to be on hand to help along their favorites.

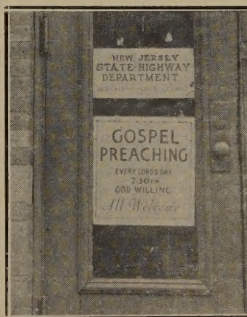
Ray Callahan won the league award for November. The prize being a shining new bowling ball.

LEAGUE STANDING

	Won	Lost
Machine Shop	30	9
Fernwood Guards	23	16
Electrical	21	18
White Line Painters	21	18
Equipment	20	19
Maintenance	20	19
Fernwood G.I.s	20	19
Fernwood Office	16	23
Maintenance Painters	12	27
Inspection	12	27

In keeping with the spirit of Christmas, T. W. Emmons, F. M. Devereaux and Bob Ettenger extend to all of the Equipment Division employees their greetings and best wishes for the Merriest Christmas and Happiest New Year.

A M E N



For many a year Col. Walter Braybrooke has preached the gospel of good highways. It came as quite a shock, however, to see the above photo showing the entrance to his Cranford office. Investigation disclosed that the gospel preaching had nothing to do with State Highway Departmental activities—in fact, each was allotted separate space in the building. It is understood that the gospel preaching now has moved elsewhere.

CHECKING CANDIDATES



Eligible candidates signing in for recent Heavy Equipment Operators' tests at Fernwood. Among the equipment they handled were trailer trucks, bulldozers, cranes and shovels.

POINT SCORES ESTABLISHED
ON SUGGESTION PARTICIPATION

Points Will Apply to Both Efficiency Ratings and And to Cash Awards

In the October issue of THE HIGHWAY it was stated that employees participating in the Departmental Suggestion Plan now have three material objectives as compensation for their efforts. These are a Certificate of Merit award by Commissioner Spencer Miller, Jr., for especially meritorious ideas; a system of point credits leading to cash awards; and percentage additions to the Efficiency Rating Record. As in the past, the Certificate of Merit awards will be presented during the Christmas meeting in recognition of outstanding service.

SUGGESTION PLAN SCHEDULE OF CREDITS

Item	Description	Column 1	Column 2
		Max. point values toward yearly total & cash awards	Maximum percentage credits for Efficiency Record
1.	For each suggestion received by Suggestion Committee and scheduled for processing, a credit of 1 point for participation in plan and for effort expended	1	None
2.	Suggestion accepted by committee and approved by the Highway Commissioner for Departmental use. Credits not to exceed two additional points	2	1%
3.	Suggestions adopted and actually in effect as Departmental practice. Credits not to exceed two additional points	2	1%
4.	Increased values established through trial over a period not exceeding two years from date of Commissioner's approval. Credits not to exceed 4 additional points	4	2%

The table above will assist in understanding the plan. It will be noted that stress is placed upon the ultimate value of any suggestion and in all normal cases a period not exceeding two years from the date of the Commissioner's approval is allowed for the development of the full potentialities of the idea.

Point values as noted in column 1 are credited as the suggestion is processed, and the values are permitted to accumulate for each suggester for one year. Those attaining the highest yearly totals will receive a share of any cash available. Point scores will be listed in the January issue of THE HIGHWAY, and each month thereafter so that all may know their standings.

The percentage credits shown in column 2 of the above table are those added to the Efficiency Rating total, and are derived from the point values. Since the Efficiency Ratings are filed in June and December of each year the

earned percentages are added at those periods.

Any employee may earn as much as 4% in each rating period, depending upon the soundness of his idea (or ideas) based on its value to the Department.

The Suggestion Committee welcomes any inquiries pertaining to the plan and its operation and invites your participation, but only if you have what appears to be a good and well thought out plan for improvement in any Departmental work.

Your proposals will be thoroughly analyzed and your successful efforts rewarded as outlined. You will, in addition, experience the pride of achievement coupled with the satisfaction of having contributed something material to the advancement of your Department. Calvin Coolidge said, "No person was ever honored for what he received. Honor has been the reward for what he gave."

Address the SUGGESTION BOX, State House Annex, Trenton.

Attend National Meeting
of A. A. S. H. O.

Commissioner Miller and State Highway Engineer Noble left Trenton on Friday, December 13, to attend the meeting of the American Association of State

Highway Officials in Los Angeles on December 17-20.

As Vice-President of the eastern district, Commissioner Miller attended the executive meeting scheduled for December 16. In order to be present in time for this meeting, he flew to California. Commander Noble, with an extra day at his disposal, went by rail.